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SUBJECT: 59TH ECOSOC: ITEM NO. 14, ECONOMIC COMMITTEE --
TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS

REF: (A) GENEVA 5692; (B) GENEVA 5565; (C) STATE 164844

1. EXTENDED DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN REPS OF COSPONSORS OF
L566 AND US AND FRG HAVE NOT PRODUCED AGREEMENT ON COMPRO-
MISE RESOLUTION ALONG LINES PROPOSED IN REF C. WE CAN OB-
TAIN SATISFACTORY AMENDMENT OF REFERENCE TO NIEO AND
CERDS IN SECOND PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH. HOWEVER, ON ESSENCE
OF RESOLUTION POSITION OF G-77 REPS CONTINUES TO BE THAT
ECOSOC SHOULD ASSURE REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSION INTE-
GRATION INTO WORK OF IRC BY NOW TAKING DECISION TO ESTAB-
LISH JOINT LIAISON AND SUPPORT UNITS, OR ALTERNATIVELY
PUTTING MATTER INTO HANDS OF THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC COM-
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MISSIONS FOR DECISION WHICH IN SOME RESPECTS MIGHT BE

WORSE. AT THE SAME TIME, G-77 AGREE THAT THE RESOLUTION SHOULD SPECIFY THAT THE WORK PROGRAM TO BE CARRIED OUT AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL "SHOULD BE WORKED OUT BETWEEN THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS AND THE CENTER, WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE PROGRAM OF WORK AGREED UPON BY THE CTC AND THE ECOSOC" (OPERATIVE PARA 2 OF L566). SUCH PROVISION WOULD HAVE THE CONSIDERABLE MERIT FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW OF MAKING IT DIFFICULT FOR THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS TO GO OFF ON THEIR OWN AND ASSURING THAT THEIR ACTIVITIES IN THIS FIELD WERE IN SUPPORT OF THE PROGRAM OF WORK ESTABLISHED BY THE CTC. SPECIFICALLY, IT COULD BE ASSERTED THAT SUCH PROVISION WOULD TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER (I.E. CONSTITUTED ECOSOC'S RESPONSE TO) ECLA RESOLUTION 349 WHICH CALLS UPON ECLA TO ENGAGE IN SURVEILLANCE OF THE TNC ACTIVITIES, THUS MAKING INOPERATIVE A RESOLUTION WHICH WAS PARTICULARLY OBJECTIONABLE TO US.

2. IF WE INSIST ON MAINTAINING POSITION SET FORTH IN REF C MOST LIKELY OUTCOME WILL BE ADOPTION OF THE G-77 RESOLUTION (L566) WITH FULL G-77 AND SOCIALIST COUNTRY SUPPORT, ONE NEGATIVE VOTE (US) AND A HANDFUL OF GROUP B ABSTENTIONS.

3. WE THINK WE HAVE AN EXCELLENT CHANCE OF OBTAINING CONSENSUS AGREEMENT ON A RESOLUTION THE OPERATIVE PORTION OF WHICH WOULD BE ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

BEGIN TEXT. 1. AUTHORIZES THE SECRETARY-GENERAL IN INITIATING THE OPERATIONS OF THE INFORMATION AND RESEARCH CENTER ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS TO ESTABLISH, ON THE BASIS OF CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE CENTER AND THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES OF THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS, JOINT LIAISON AND SUPPORT UNITS IN EACH OF THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS TO BE JOINTLY SUPPORTED FINANCIALLY BY THE CENTER AND THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS CONCERNED.

2. DECIDES THAT THE WORK PROGRAMS AT THE REGIONAL
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LEVEL SHOULD BE WORKED OUT BETWEEN THE CENTER AND THE SECRETARIAT OF THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSION WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE PROGRAM OF WORK AGREED UPON BY THE COMMISSION ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS AND THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL.

3. REQUESTS THE INFORMATION AND RESEARCH CENTER TO KEEP THE COMMISSION ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS

INFORMED OF THE RESULTS OF ITS CONSULTATIONS WITH THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES OF THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS PROVIDED FOR IN OPERATIVE PARAS 1 AND 2 AS ABOVE.

4. REQUESTS THE COMMISSION ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS TO REPORT TO THE ECOSOC ON PROGRESS IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE JOINT LIAISON AND SUPPORT UNITS.

5. FURTHER REQUESTS THE COMMISSION, WHEN SUBMITTING ITS PROPOSED PROGRAMS OF WORK FOR APPROVAL BY THE ECOSOC, TO REPORT ALSO ON THE CONTRIBUTION TO BE MADE AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROPOSED WORK PROGRAM. END TEXT. SUCH RESOLUTION WOULD (A) AS INDICATED ABOVE, KEEP REGIONAL COMMISSION ACTIVITIES WITHIN PROGRAM OF WORK ESTABLISHED BY THE CTC, THUS MEETING WHAT WE UNDERSTAND TO BE ONE OF DEPT'S PRIMARY CONCERNS, (B) PROVIDE FOR SURVEILLANCE BY CTC AND ECOSOC OF DETAILS OF ESTABLISHMENT OF JOINT UNITS AND (C) GIVE CTC AND ECOSOC OPPORTUNITIES TO REVIEW PROPOSED CONTRIBUTION AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL TO IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WORK PROGRAM ESTABLISHED BY THE CTC.

4. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION COULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY US DEL STATEMENT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE RECORD, WHICH WE THINK WE CAN GET LATIN AMERICANS TO ECHO THAT RESOLUTION IS ADDRESSED TO ALL REGIONAL COMMISSIONS AND THAT INTER ALIA IT REPRESENTS ECOSOC'S RESPONSE TO ECLA RESOLUTION 349 IN RESPECT OF ECLA'S ACTIVITIES IN THIS FIELD. COSPONSORS HAVE ALSO INDICATED THAT THEY ARE PREPARED TO STATE IN UNCLASSIFIED

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ECONOMIC COMMITTEE THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF RESOLUTION SHOULD BE FROM RESOURCES PROSPECTIVELY AVAILABLE TO IRC AND REGIONAL COMMISSIONS IN PROGRAM/BUDGET FOR 1966-67.

5. GIVEN ABOVE CONSIDERATIONS AND IN LIGHT OF PROSPECT THAT ONLY THE US WOULD VOTE AGAINST EXISTING RESOLUTION, US DEL STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT IT BE AUTHORIZED TO ACCEPT ADOPTION BY CONSENSUS OF RESOLUTION ALONG LINES PROPOSED ABOVE, WITH STATEMENT (A) THAT IT CONTINUES TO HAVE RESERVATIONS CONCERNING DESIRABILITY OF A PROCEDURE WHICH DOES NOT FIRST INVITE VIEWS OF CTC BUT THAT IT WILL NOT OPPOSE WISHES OF LARGE MAJORITY OF THE COUNCIL TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS NOW WHICH WILL PERMIT REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS

TO MAKE APPROPRIATE CONTRIBUTIONS TO CARRYING OUT
PROGRAMS OF WORK ESTABLISHED BY THE CTC AND ECOSOC,
(B) THAT RESOLUTION IS ECOSOC'S RESPONSE TO ECLA RESO-
LUTION 349 AND (C) THAT IT HAS NOTED STATEMENT BY COSPONSORS
THAT RESOLUTION INVOLVES NO FINAN-
CIAL IMPLICATIONS AT THIS TIME. SINCE CHAIRMAN HAS SCHEDULED
ACTION ON RESOLUTION FOR TOMORROW, REQUEST GUIDANCE BY OPENING
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